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FOR WALT ROSTOW

FROM: Tom Johnson

The President mentioned these action items for you to get the appropriate people moving:

1. Ask Westy and Bunker to utilize civilian road and construction experts maximum possible. If appropriate, have them replace military people in order that the military road and construction units can move up and assist in clearing Routes 1 and 9.

2. Urge Cy Vance to get the South Koreans moving on their progress to send another division. Advise them that we are closing our commitment for 525,000 as quickly as possible and ask them to do likewise.

3. Have the Ambassador in Thailand get to the Thai officials exactly what we are doing in Vietnam. Tell them we are getting them their equipment soonest. See what they can do with their forces.

4. Speed up the chopper shipments. (Secretary McNamara)

5. Check out the report of a possible air strike against Seoul (General Wheeler)

6. Determine U.S. draft age (General Wheeler)

7. Determine what is the status of the C-130s (Westmoreland's request and our response to that request)

8. Get Bunker and Westmoreland to push on the 18 and 19 year old draft issue in South Vietnam. (This seems to have been taken care of according to press reports last night.)

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